

# CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club.

## PRESENT

Councillor P Avery	Councillor A Brown	Councillor Mrs J Bush
Councillor G Fortune	Councillor B Hill	Councillor Bill Caruthers
Councillor N Lee	Councillor Mrs P Millward	Councillor A Morris
Councillor Mrs D Powell	Councillor T Silverton	Councillor R Vickery
Councillor V Langley		

## APOLOGIES None

11/12.45 Register of Interests Councillor's Langley and Millward declared an interest in planning application 11/P/1414/F. Councillors Bush, Vickery and Morris declared an interest in planning application 11/P/1209/F. Councillor Carruthers declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 11/P/1413/F and 11/P/1414/F.

10/11.46 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2011 were confirmed by those present at the meeting and signed.

11/12.47 The meeting was closed for public participation at 7.35 pm.

- District Councillor's report. District Councillor Wells had received a written response on July 13<sup>th</sup> following her meeting with Senior Highways Engineer Rob Thompson. North Somerset Council have now agreed that The Batch is a "restricted byeway" but would still not agree to carry out the repairs to potholes. Councillor Brown had also obtained written confirmation that it was a restricted byeway. District Councillor Liz Wells was to meet with David Turner and liaise with the new Clerk.
- Police report: PC Bradley updated Councillors with the crime figures for July. There were no crimes in Blagdon and Butcombe, 1 in Burrington, 3 in Winford and 4 in Churchill. These are mainly due to theft of metal i.e. drain covers and lead from Churchill School roof. In August a joint operation with the assistance of all Farm Watch members will hopefully catch the thieves.  
PC Bradley will be on holiday from 1<sup>st</sup> September till 26<sup>th</sup> September with his position being covered as much as possible by PC Greig Difford the Beat Officer for Backwell.
- Parish Liaison Officer: reported that the signage for the parish was with the appropriate teams and he was to speak with the Streets and Open Spaces Area Officer again regarding The Batch. The Footpath Officer had no record of the reported overgrown footpaths in the Parish and he would follow this up. Councillor Brown has a copy of all the footpaths and was to pass a copy to Seb. The new Clerk was to book Councillor Brown on to the next Parish Voice meeting to discuss The Batch.
- North Somerset Highways Engineer Nadeem Hussain updated Councillor's on the road works to be carried out at Congresbury. He also spoke on the new footway to be installed between Pye Corner and Hilliers Lane. The verge was to be compulsory purchased and he enquired about the history of the bus shelter. The Clerk was to investigate the history and inform Nadeem Hussain of any information.
- A resident of Turnpike Close enquired about which entrance to the area opposite will be used while the temporary BMX area is there.

11/12.48 Items for South Area Committee None

The Parish Council meeting was reconvened at 8.20 p m

11/12.49 Planning Applications

**Councillor Lee updated Councillors of all planning decisions received and that Barrowfield Cottage had taken their recent application to appeal. All additional comments were to be submitted by 12<sup>th</sup> September to the Planning Inspectorate.**

**Councillors requested District Councillor Wells to look into the following planning matters;**

**a) To look at two issues regarding Barrowfield Cottage: first, the fact that a length of hedge had been removed to the front of the property onto Front Street; to ascertain that if planning permission should have been obtained before those hedges had been removed; secondly that the owner had erected a greenhouse in the field behind the house, which was agricultural land, and therefore cannot be turned into garden without applying for planning permission.**

**b) Churchill Park Farm, Ladymead Lane: the hedge has been removed where the drive joins Ladymead Lane, and the exit onto Ladymead Lane has been considerably widened, again without a planning application being submitted.**

**\*\* At this point in the meeting having declared a prejudicial interest in the following two planning application Councillor Carruthers left the room.**

11/P/1413/F

Langford Stores, Langford road, Langford, BS40 5HU  
Erection of first floor storage area above existing shop to include increasing the ridge height with 3 dormers to north elevation and 4 roof lights to rear and alterations to shop front.

**The Parish Council wish to re-iterate the previous comments they made for the withdrawn application 11/P/0961/F as the new proposed plans were identical to those withdrawn.**

**Standing orders do not allow the Parish Council to reconsider the decision made in June. The Council hoped that North Somerset Planning Officers will take the new letters of objection into consideration before making their decision.**

11/P/1414/F

Suzi's Salon, Langford Road, Langford, BS40 5HU  
Erection of a first floor to create a first floor flat above a shop and to include 1 front dormer window and 4 roof lights with access off lobby to ground floor of shop.

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11/P/1311/F

Gardeners Arms, Stock Lane, Langford BS40 5EX  
Erection of two storey rear extension

**Agreed unanimous.**

11/P/1386/F

Hopedale, Blackmoor, Lower Langford, BS40 5HJ  
Demolition of single storey garage and erection of new double garage with bicycle store room with games room/annexe in the roof along with new tarmac and landscape driveway

**Agreed - 10 for, 2 against, 1 abstention.**

.11/P/1321/F

Acacia House, Blackmoor, Langford, BS40 5HJ

Erection of a first floor rear extension. Construction of garage and workshop to rear of property.

**Agreed unanimous.**

11/P/1277/F

13, Maysmead Lane, Langford, BS40 5HX. Erection of a side and rear extension to provide new sitting room together with partial demolition of existing internal walls to store, utility and gym. Construction of a new store and new pitched and hipped roofs over the whole side. Resiting of the garden shed.

**Unanimously not agreed as Councillors considered the proposals were an over development of the plot.**

11/P/1283/MMA

Monaghan Mushrooms Ltd, Stock Lane, Langford, Churchill, BS40 5ES

A minor material amendment to the application for a two storey office and canteen building with associated roof terrace and associated staff facilities. Alteration to the stairs and lift. .

**Agreed unanimous.**

11/P/1209/F

Jubilee House, Jubilee lane, Langford, Churchill, BS40 5EJ. Erection of a front porch, two storey side extension, garage extension with room over with link to existing house. New window to west elevation and new boundary wall to west of entrance area.

**Agreed Unanimous.**

**\*\*\* At this point District Councillor Wells left the meeting.**

11/12.50 Clerk's report

The Council considered three quotes for the replacement fort.

RESOLVED: to accept the quote from Sovereign.

A request for conformation of who was to attend Councillor training was made by the Clerk. Councillors Silverton, Powell, Carruthers and Fortune agreed to confirm asap.

11/12.51 Correspondence

- A public consultation by the Public Transport Team is seeking the views of Parish Councils on North Somerset Council Supported Bus Services. Comments to be submitted by the end of September. This maybe an agenda item for September.
- A meeting was to be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Castlewood, Clevedon from 1.pm to discuss future local service provision in North Somerset. Councillors Bush, Fortune and the new Clerk to attend.

11/12.52 Reports

Finance Committee

The agreed minutes of the previous Finance meeting were available to view on the website.

Councillor Brown thanked Councillor Hill for the work he had done researching suitable equipment for the new Clerk.

**RESOLVED to purchase all recommended equipment at £1,400 - Unanimous**

The gratuity for Clerk Lindsay Ireland was to be paid in September and a new gratuity was to commence for her role as RFO.

The Allotment Fund was now in a savings account.

There had been no contact from Mazars regarding the external audit.

**\*\*\* At this point Councillor's Silverton and Powell declared an interest in the following item.**

Survey of Council's lands and buildings.

Councillor Lee had received a comprehensive formal proposal from The Building Consultancy for a three stage approach to review the Council's future options for land and buildings. This will identify key issues and considerations with a range of options and strategies for consideration.

The Stage 1 strategy document cost is estimated at £1,000 ex vat. This figure was not to be exceeded without notification and agreement.

**RESOLVED to instruct The Building Consultancy to carryout Stage 1 of the proposal.  
The new Clerk was to make the instruction.**

The Building Consultancy have requested permission from the Parish Council to make copies of key documents that will assist in their options appraisal.

**RESOLVED to grant The Building Consultancy permission to make necessary copies as required. The new Clerk was to inform of the permission being granted.**

11/12. 53 Queens Diamond Jubilee

A sign was suggested that was similar to the one at The Penscot in Shipham. Councillor Brown and the new Clerk were both to research the costing for two designs, one for each village. The locations were to be finalized at a future meeting.

11/12.54 Accounts. These were **agreed** and signed. The total expenditure was £2714.95

11/12.55 Matters for Information.

Councillor Hill wished to thank Peter Langley for his help in removing the fence in preparation for the installation of the half pipe.

Councillor Lee requested the new Clerk to submit the necessary letters of instruction to The Building Consultancy.

Councillor Carruthers wished the distribution of The Tower to be a future agenda item.

Councillor Silverton raised a query regarding the ownership of land on the Batch and if other Councillors had any information. The signage put up by the landlord of The Crown was raised. The new Clerk was to write and state that The Crown does not have sole rights to parking outside the pub.

Councillor Bush advised that the slide from the old fort was to go to the primary school.

Clerk Lindsay Ireland addressed the meeting and spoke of the enjoyment the role had given over the past seven years and thanked The Council for making her work with them such a rewarding experience.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p m.